

## CLAIMS

1. Device for attaching a chin strap (14) to a protective helmet (1) including a main outer shell (2) of the type including removable and disconnectable fastening means for its chin strap (14), constituted by the cooperation of a fastening member (17) affixed to the chin strap (14) and engageable with a fastening lug (30) affixed to the helmet wall (2), characterized in that the fastening member (17) is constituted by a fastening portion (20) affixed to a pivotable gripping lever (21), whereas the fastening lug (30) is constituted by a matching recessed portion (31).

2. Device for attaching a chin strap (14) to a protective helmet (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that the gripping lever (21) with the fastening member (17) is mounted and journalled on a retaining part (18) on which the strap (15) of the chin strap (14) is retained about an axis (19, YY').

3. Device for attaching a chin strap (14) to a protective helmet (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that the recessed portion (31) constituting the fastening lug (30) is open upwardly and is limited outwardly by an outer projecting portion (34) serving a retaining and fastening edge.

4. Device for attaching a chin strap (14) to a protective helmet (1) according to claim 3, characterized in that the (YY', 19) axis is arranged behind the retaining edge (34) of the fastening lug.

5. Device for attaching a chin strap (14) to a protective helmet (1) according to claim 4, characterized in that the fastening member (17) is a cylindrical portion having a (YY') axis, whereas the fastening lug is constituted by a matching cylindrical recessed portion having a (XX') axis.

6. Device for attaching a chin strap (14) to a protective helmet (1) according to claim 5, characterized in that the (YY') axis of the fastening cylindrical portion is substantially coaxial to the swivel pin (19) and to the (XX') axis of the recessed portion (31).

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7. *Claim 1*  
*a* ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the retaining edge (34) is, in its central portion, interrupted by a central cutout (36) adapted to the passage of the retaining end (180) of the retaining part (18) of the fastening member (17).

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8. *Claim 1*  
*a* ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that latching means (37) are provided for latching the gripping lever (21) to the helmet (1), and especially to its wall (2), in a disconnectable manner.

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9. *Claim 1*  
*a* ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the recessed portion (31) constituting the fastening lug (30) is closed at its ends by two end walls (32, 33).

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10. *Claim 1*  
*a* ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the recessed portion (31) constituting the fastening lug (30) is limited toward the helmet wall by a rear wall (35) including the latching means (37) of the lever.

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11. *Claim 1*  
*a* ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the fastening lug (30) is affixed to an independent edge part (40) fixed to the wall (2) of the helmet (1).

12. *Claim 1*  
*a* 25 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, said helmet including a main outer shell (2) having two lateral wall portions (9), characterized in that the fastening lug (30) of the chin strap attachment device is arranged on one of the lateral wall portions (9).

13. *Claim 1*  
*a* 30 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the fastening lug (30) is in the vicinity of the lateral edge (11, 13) of the lateral wall portion (9).

*claim 1*

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14. Protective helmet (1) according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the fastening lug (30) is constituted by an independent edge part (40) fixed to the helmet edge.

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*a 5*

*claim 1*

15. Protective helmet (1) according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that it includes an attachment device for the chin strap on each side.

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